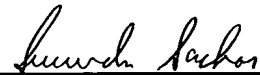


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES</b> <b>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b> <b>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/511757</div>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP04/02559</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>2 March 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>6 March 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>LOADING APPARATUS FOR RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING CONNECTION TERMINALS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Takeshi SUZUKI</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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24. The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)) :</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1110.00					
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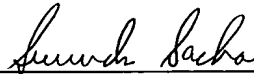
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